

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, ~~and;~~
- a decorative material substantially covering said welt core;
- a welt flap laterally protruding from within said welt core and having opposing ends;

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith and projecting therefrom, ~~and;~~

wherein the decorative material is one of mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather, and a textile fabric; ~~and~~

wherein the welt flap is made of a more rigid material than the welt core.

2. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element protrudes laterally from the welt flap.

3. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt has a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the welt core is formed elongate along the transverse axis

of the welt and the fastening element protrudes laterally in the longitudinal direction of the welt flap.

4. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element between a welt core end and a free end of the welt flap.

5. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the at least one fastening element is a first fastening element and the welt further comprises a second fastening element at a free end of the welt flap.

6. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are arranged on the opposing ends of the welt flap.

7. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

9. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 7, wherein the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the distance between the welt-flap ends of the first and second fastening elements along the welt flap is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the welt flap and has an anchor-shape to form an anchor tip.

12. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 11, wherein the anchor tip of the fastening element lies in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

13. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at a free end of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape.

14. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 13, wherein the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 11, wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

16. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 5, wherein the distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to the length of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is ~~cylindrical~~rod-shaped.

19. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core has a circular section.

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20. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap has a rod-shaped section.

21. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the fastening element is a recess on the welt flap.

22. (Previously presented) Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess extends around a periphery of said welt flap in a 360 degree angle.

23. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim 21, wherein the recess is in the interior of the welt flap and the recess is bottle-head shaped.

24. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core is made of rubber.

25. (previously presented): Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

26-27: (Cancelled)

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28. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.

29. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.

30. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.

31. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the rigidity of the welt flap is greater than the rigidity of the welt core.

32. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 1, wherein the welt forms a complete ring.

33. Cancelled.

34. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 32, wherein the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

35. (Previously Presented) Welt according to claim 32, wherein the second fastening element is a metal clip.

36. (Currently Amended) A ~~W~~welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, ~~and;~~

- a laterally protruding welt flap,

wherein the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith;

wherein the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of the welt flap; and

wherein in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at ~~opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.~~

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wherein fastening element is a recess on the welt flap located in the interior of the welt flap, the recess having a bottle-head shaped.